

The Daily Courant.

Tuesday, October 20. 1702.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Oct. 14.

Naples, September 12.

THE King has given a Commission to three of the Council of Santa Clara, to reestablish the Bank of the Annonciada; with Power to hear and determine all Causes relating to the said Bank. The Statue of his Majesty on Horse-back, which is to be cast in Brass at the Charge of this City, will be set up in the great Square of Gesu Nuovo. The King has given leave to this City to import a great quantity of Corn from Sicily, free of all Customs.

Paris, Oct. 13. We have receiv'd Advice that Count Tallard having march'd towards the upper part of the Dutchy of Juliers, the better to conceal his Design from the Enemy; arriv'd on the 2d at Bonn, where he immediately pass'd over the Rhine, and march'd to attack the Enemy that lay encamp'd at Mulheim; The Elector with his Cavalry being with him. He hoped to have forded the River Agger, but found it swell'd so high, that he was oblig'd to lay a Bridge over it which could not be finish'd till the 4th at night. By which time the Enemy having notice of his March, pass'd over to the other side of the Rhine. He found great Store of Provisions and other Booty at Mulheim, and made the Inhabitants of that place, and almost all the Dutchy of Berg to submit to Contributions; He likewise oblig'd the City of Cologne to accept of a Neutrality, and to renew the Commerce with Bonn.

Plimouth, Oct. 16. Wednesday last being the 14th instant, sail'd to the Eastward Her Majesties Ship the Woolwich with six Dutch Privateers; the Anne and Susanna, Richard Brumage Master; the Gilbert and Anne, Kingsly Hogbin Master; the Anne, David Greedier Master; the John and Charles, Geo. Bower from Jamaica; the Portsmouth Gally Peter Coffin from the Canaries; the Friends Adventure, Benj. Mackey; the Hannover, Robert Jeffries; the Nesbot, Willian Harrison, from Barbadoes; the Friends Adventure, John and Mary, Young James, and the George and Martha, from Virginia. Several Ships from New-England, Ireland, Falmouth, Bristol, &c. with near 30 Prizes, being in all about

110 sail, bound for London, Flushing and Hamburg. Her Majesties Ship the Centurion is arriv'd here from Virginia, who took a French Ship of St. Malo's on the Banks of New-found-land, laden with Fish for Cadiz, of 120 Tons and 10 Guns. The Bedford Galley and Newport are still in Harbour; also the Encouragement of London, Robert Kells from Barbadoes, who was not able to sail with the Fleet for want of Men.

Shields, Oct. 16. Yesterday 150 laden Colliers sail'd from hence under the Convoy of the Dover and Rye, part for the Coast, part for the River.

Harwich, Oct. 17. Yesterday all the laden Colliers that were in this Harbour sail'd for the River; convoy'd by the Diligence Brigantine, and likewise 20 light Colliers for New-Castle.

Pool, Oct. 17. This Evening came in a Ship from New-foundland, Samuel Weston Commander, who left that place but 24 days ago, and reports that our Squadron (which we suppose to be the ten Men of War under Captain Lake) arriv'd there on the 31st of August, having taken in their Passage two French Ships richly laden from the West-Indies. That they have attack'd and burnt Fort St. Peters and other Places, as also three large French Men of War; and have taken 17 of their Ships laden with Fish.

London, Oct. 20. This Day the Parliament meets at Westminster.

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When this Courant was first set on foot, it was judg'd proper to give the Publick a brief Account of the Design and Method which the Author of it propos'd to pursue, in the following words,

IT will be found by the Foreign Prints, which, as Occasion shall offer, will be mention'd in this Courant, that the Author has taken care to be duly furnish'd with all that come from Abroad. And for an Assurance, that he will not impose any Feign'd Additions, he will always quote the Papers from whence he makes his Extracts, and represent Foreign Affairs just as he finds them in Foreign Prints; that the Publick, seeing from what Place a piece of News comes, with the Allowance of the Government of that Country, may be the better able to judge of the Credibility and Fairness of the Relation. By following this Method, he hopes he shall be thought to perform what he takes to be the proper and only Business of a News-Writer; first, Giving the freshest Advices from all Quarters, which he will certainly be able to do (let the Post arrive when it will) by coming out Daily: And next, Delivering Facts as they come related, and without inclining either to one Side or the other: And this too he will be found to do, by representing the same Actions, according

cording to the different Accounts which both Sides give of them: For which the Papers cited will be his Vouchers. And so having fairly related, What is done, When, Where, by which Side reported, and by what Hands transmitted hither; He thinks himself obliged not to launch out of his Province, to amuse People with any Comments and Reflections of his own; but leave every Reader to make such Remarks for himself as he is capable of.

By prescribing these Rules to himself, he thinks he has given sufficient Security for his Impartiality; and that even the most jealous will be satisfied that 'tis out of his power as well as Inclination to favour any Party, or oblige one Set of Men more than another: For were he inclin'd to misrepresent the Actions of Friends or Enemies, by disguising the Relations of them, the Foreign Papers that are quoted to every Article would discover his False Colouring. This is so plain, that it would be trifling to enlarge upon it.

He will only add this further Account of his Method in collecting the News out of the Foreign Prints. When a Mail arrives, he first chooses what appears to be of greatest Consequence to the present Posture of Affairs in the World, having a particular regard to what may more nearly concern England or her Allies. Motions of Armies and Actions of War, he thinks worth relating before other things, and at full length, from the Accounts of both Parties: Next to Actions in the Field, he takes the Counsels and Measures, that are concerting or resolv'd on, in the Courts of the several Princes and States that are at Peace or War with us. Now whether the Transactions of most Importance run on our side, or on the Enemies, he gives them the first place, purely on account of their Importance, and not from any Bias to either Party. He mentions this for the sake of certain Gentlemen who wrote him a very angry Letter, as if it had been his fault that the Advices of the Arrival of the Plate Fleet at Vigo, of the Marqueſs de Villars passing the Rhine at Hummingben, of the Reimbarking of our Troops at Cadiz, and of the City of Cologne's accepting of a Neutrality, came all by one Post, and fill'd the next day's Courant. He always takes those Accounts that are well warranted, rather than those of more doubtful Authority; therefore he makes more use of the *Harlem* and *Amsterdam* Courants, than of the *Gazettes* in French that come from Holland, which are little else than Transcripts from the Dutch Prints; and if any thing seem rough, imperfect, or obscure, in these original Accounts, commonly improve and refine them after the French Mode, to something beyond what they directly import. From things of greatest moment, he descends to those of less importance, till he has given a thorough account of the Foreign Papers; preferring what is probable and easy to be believ'd, to what is more surprizing and unlikely, or founded only on Rumour: Not leaving out design'dly any matter worth mentioning, nor ever repeating the same things again, but as being confirm'd or differently related: And as he is careful not to weave his own Sentiments with what he relates, so he cuts off the Remarks, that are merely Speculative, which are mix'd with the Foreign Relations of Facts. As for the News that he inserts from private Letters, he will be careful not to be impos'd on, and will leave it to the Publick to give such Credit to those Letters as they shall be found to deserve.

This being his Method, he presumes that Men of Understanding will excuse him if he do not dress up a Paper with an Air of News, when there can be none; that is, after the Advices of the last Post have been fully related before: And hopes they will be contented with a shorter Courant, or as few Impertinencies as may be, when the Foreign Prints will not supply what is more to the purpose.

* * A Large House and Garden in Little-Britain, over against the Sign of *Tangier* near *West-Smithfield*, is to be Let, by Lease, at 25 Pound a Year: Enquire at the House and you may know further.

†† For the Benefit of the Box-keepers. At the Theatre Royal in *Drury-lane*, this present Tuesday the 20th day of *October*, will be presented, A Play called,

Ibrahim the 13th. Emperor of the Turks.

With a new Song by Mrs. Shaw, never perform'd before, compos'd by a Gentleman lately arriv'd from Dublin. Also an Extraordinary Entertainment of Instrumental Musick, all of Flutes, to be perform'd by Mr. Paisible and others. With a Mimick Night Scene after the Italian manner, by a New Scaramouch and Harlaquin. Likewise a new Dance by Mr. Coffin and Mrs. Bicknell. With the last new Prologue to the Town, by Mr. Wilks. The Boxes Five Shillings, Pit Three Shillings, First Gallery two Shillings, Upper Gallery One Shilling. No Money to be return'd after the Curtain is drawn up.

††† A Doctor in Physick, Cures all the Degrees, and Indispositions, in Venereal Persons; and by a most easie, safe, and expeditious Method: He likewise gives his Advice in all Diseases, and Prescribes a Cure. Dr. Harborough (a Graduate Physician) in Great Knight-Riders-Street, near Doctors-Commons.

AN Account of Church-Government and Governours, wherein are treated of Church-Power in General, the King's Supremacy, the several Orders of the Clergy, Bishops and Priests proved to be distinct Orders. The Original of Parishes and Parish-Priests, Deacons, Arch-Deacons, Rural Deans, Bishops, Chancellors, Arch-Bishops. Feuds and Benefices. The Election of Bishops, and the Conge de Ellire, with several other Subjects. Printed for John Wyat at the Rose in St. Paul's Church-yard.

On Saturday last was Publish'd,

A Reply to a Book Entitul'd, *Anguis Flagellatus*, Or, *A Switch for the Snake*. The *Opus Palmare* of the Quakers. Being a Second Defence. Or, The third and last Part of *The Snake in the Grass*. Shewing, That the Quakers are plainly Self-condemn'd in this their last Answer. And therefore it is to be hop'd, that this will put an End to that Controversie. Printed for C. Brome at the Gun at the West-end of St. Paul's Church-yard, and G. Strahan at the Golden Ball over against the Royal Exchange in Cornhill.

This day is publish'd,

THE Parliamentary Original and Rights of the Lower House of Convocation cleared, and the Evidences of its Separation from the Upper House produced on several Heads; particularly in the Point of making Separate Applications [as a Distinct Body of Men] to other Bodies or Persons; In pursuance of an Argument for the Power of the Lower House to adjourn it self. To which is added a Preface, giving an Account of the Dishonest Methods of answering Books, taken up by the chief Asserter of the Archbishop's Sole Power, in his late pretended Review of the Case of the Schedule. Printed for T. Bennet at the Half Moon in St. Paul's Church-yard.

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